GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2058
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2008
AVAILABILITY OF FIRST AID ON THE TRAINS
Chaudhary Shri Pankaj

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive scheme to ensure easy availability of first aid in the trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a)to(c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2058 B Y SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY, TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 13.3.2008 REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF FIRST AID ON THE TRAINS.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) First Aid Facilities in all passenger carrying trains are provided with First Aid Boxes containing essential drugs and dressing materials and the First Aid Boxes are available with the Guards of all the trains. The frontline staff viz. Train Superintendents, Train Conductors, Travelling Ticket Examiners, etc. are also trained in rendering first aid.

In addition Augmented First Aid Boxes with wider range of medicines, disposable medical material, etc. have been provided with the Train Superintendents / Pantry Car Managers of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express Trains and on nominated long distance Mail/ Express trains. Services of doctors travelling as passengers are utilized to attend to passengers who are in need of urgent medical assistance. For this purpose the allopathic doctors travelling in such trains are provided with 10% concession in the train fare.

There is a very well developed system to send informations to the Station Managers where there is next scheduled halt of the train.The Station Managers have authority to call the Railway doctor/Govt. doctor/Private doctor to come to Railway Station and to attend the sick passengers travelling in the train.Necessary medical treatment is being provided.This is being used extensively at present. Trains can also make unscheduled halts, if necessary, at the stations en-route in extreme emergencies. The Station Managers have details of doctors, clinics & hospitals of Railways, Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station, so that their services could be requisitioned,in such situations.In addition, a database has also been developed regarding availability of the medical facilities of Railway, Government and Private Sector along railway tracks and at stations en-route, for providing emergency medical care to sick travelling passengers in the Trains and during Railway accidents.

(c) The scheme has already been implemented.